

Please add the following new claims:

-- 12. The process according to Claim 9, wherein said article is a pipe shaped by extrusion.

13. The process according to Claim 9, wherein said article is a pipe coupling shaped by injection.

14. The process according to Claim 9, wherein said article is a pipe intended for the transportation of pressurized fluids.

15. A polyethylene composition, comprising polyethylene which exhibits a standard density, measured at 23°C according to ASTM Standard D 972, of greater than 940 kg.m³ and talc in an amount which does not exceed 0.5 part per 100 parts by weight of polyethylene.--

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the outstanding Office Action is respectfully solicited.

A petition for extension of time is filed concurrently.

The SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT, filed April 8, 1999, was filed after the date of the outstanding Office Action. However, applicants would appreciate the USPTO's express acknowledgement of receipt thereof, so that the references may appear as citations on the face of any patent which issues on the subject application.

Support for the new claims is found in the application. Claims 12 and 13 are supported by page 1, lines 5 et seq of the application. Support for Claim 14 is found in original Claim 9. Support for Claim 15 is found in the description at page 2, lines 18-19.

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections of Claims 8-9 under 35 USC 101. Amendment of Claim 8 and 9 renders the issue moot, as process limitations are recited in the amended Claims 8 and 9.